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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALLEN, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C.; G. Green, STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill, CORNERS & GOTCH, 1, Leadenhall Street, E.C.; HANCOCK & CO., 21, Walbrook, E.C.; SAMPSON, DODD & CO., 150 & 154, London Wall Street.  
PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMEDEE PRINCE & CO., 34, Rue Lafayette, Paris.  
NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row.  
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY.  
SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BENJ. BLACK, San Francisco.  
SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAVILLE & CO., Singapore. C. HEINSEK & CO., Manila.  
CHINA.—MAGG. F. A. DE CRUZ, Seacote, Quilon & Co., Amy, Wilson, NICHOLS & CO., Foochow, HEDGE & CO., Shanghai; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

## Intimations.



### GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDERS for SPECIE, Mexican Dollars current in this Colony, weighing 7.17, in Exchange for BILLS, drawn On Demand, on the Government of India, Calcutta, will be RECEIVED by the DISTRICT PAYMASTER, Army Pay Department, until 12, Noon, on MONDAY, the 26th Instant. The Tenders to state the Total Amount required (in Rupees), and the Amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for sums below Rs. 10,000. The Tenders to be in duplicate, in Steel Covers, addressed to "The District Paymaster, Army Pay Department," enclosed "Tender for Government Bills." The right to accept or reject any of all the Tenders is reserved.

ARTHUR GELSTON, Major,  
Staff Paymaster.

TREASURY CHEF OFFICE,  
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1885. 1852

THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Third Ordinary General MEETING of the Company will be held at the Head Office, SHANGHAI on MONDAY, the 26th Instant, at 2.30 p.m., for presentation of the Half-Yearly Report and Accounts to the 30th June last.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 26th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
ALEX. ROSS,  
Secretary,  
Shanghai, 9th October, 1885. 1794

### TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS will be Received by the Undersigned, at or before FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. of MONDAY, the 26th October, for the CONSTRUCTION of Sections 3, and 4 of the PEAK TRAMWAY, according to Plans and Specifications to be seen on application to F. J. BOURTON, C.E., here, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., from whom Copies of Specifications, Schedules of Quantities, and Forms of Tender may be obtained.

Tenders should be addressed to the GENERAL MANAGERS, and marked "Tender for Peak Tramway."

The lowest or any Tender may not be accepted.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.,  
General Managers.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,  
Hongkong, October 13, 1885. 1786

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fourth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned, at 12 o'clock (noon) on SATURDAY, the 31st October instant.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
General Agents;  
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, October 10, 1885. 1769

MORDECAI SIMON GUBBAY,  
Deceased.

PURSUANT to an Order of the Supreme Court of Hongkong made on the 24th day of July, 1885, Notice is hereby given that all Persons having CLAIMS against the Estate of the said MORDECAI SIMON GUBBAY, formerly of Shanghai, in the Empire of China, but late of Boulogne Sur Mer, in the Republic of France, (who died at Boulogne, aforesaid, on or about the 10th day of December, 1883, and whose WILL was on the 17th day of July, 1885, proved in the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction, by the Honorable FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON, of Victoria, aforesaid, Merchant, and duly constituted Attorney of the said WILL,) are hereby required to send in writing Particulars of their Claims to us, the Undersigned, Solicitors for the said Executors, on or before 24th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1885, after which time the Executors will proceed to distribute the Assets of the Deceased, among the Persons entitled thereto having regard only to the Claims of which they shall then have had Notice.

Dated this 24th day of July, 1885,  
WOTTON & DEACON,  
Solicitors for the said Executors,  
35, Queen's Road,  
Hongkong.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JAORSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 24, 1885. 1440

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3 : Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time, will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more of their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to deposits on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked. On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 7, 1885. 764

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been nominated by Special Appointment COMMERCIAL AGENTS for the FOREIGN BUSINESS of His Excellency the VICEROY of CHIHHLI.

Send all Orders to

E. CLARK,  
Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, August 11, 1885. 1602

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# THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 6940.—October 24, 1895.]

## Entertainment.

**THEATRE ROYAL,**  
CITY HALL.  
Manager, NEIL O'BRIEN.

**MASCOTTE OPERA COMPANY,**  
THIS EVENING,  
SATURDAY, the 24th October.

GRAND NAVAL COMMAND NIGHT.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of  
ADMIRAL Sir Wm. M. DOWELL, K.C.B.

BY GENERAL REQUEST,

THE MASCOTTE OPERA COMPANY

will produce

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S

EVER-GREEN AND POPULAR

H. M. S. 'PINAFORÉ'

H. M. S. 'PINAFORÉ'!

H. M. S. 'PINAFORÉ'!

Augmented Chorus, Appropriate Scenery,  
Coatly War-robe, and an exceptionally  
Strong Cast of Characters.

Conductor, SIGNOR VALENZA.

Box Plan now open at KELLY & WALSH'S

(LAW).

Hongkong, October 24, 1895. 1845

## To-day's Advertisements.

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL

The Co.'s Steamship

*Melchis,*

Captain NELSON, will be

dispatched as above TO-

MORROW, the 25th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, October 24, 1895. 1854

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR HAVRE, ANTWERP AND HAM-

BURG, VIA MANILA, SINGAPORE

AND SUEZ CANAL

The Steamship

*Polyphony,*

Captain R. BISHOP, will be

dispatched for the

above Ports on MONDAY, the 26th Inst., at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMENS & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, October 24, 1895. 1859

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers through rates

for NINGPO, CHEFOU, and

CHIANG, TIENTIN, HANKOW and

Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship

*Telamon,*

Capt. JACKSON, will be

dispatched as above on

SATURDAY, the 31st Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, October 24, 1895. 1856

### SHIPPING.

#### ARRIVALS.

October 24, 1895.—

*Allie Rose,* Haw. brig. 340, Phillips,

Tsin-tien October 13, General.—WEIBER & CO.

*Kut Sang,* British steamer, from Whampoa.

*China,* German steamer, 1,093, Haye, Wuhan October 18, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

*Peking,* British steamer, 954, G. Heuermann, Shanghai October 21, General.—SIEMENS & CO.

*Polyphony,* German steamer, 1,053, R.

Hongkong, October 18, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

*Forkang,* British steamer, 990, H.-W. Hogg, Shanghai October 21, General.—JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.

*Sales,* French steamer, 323, Th. Loredo, Tsin-tien October 21, and Hiohoo 23, General.—A. R. MARX.

*Melchis,* British steamer, 1,300, B. Nelson, Shanghai via Foochow, and Amoy, October 17, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

*Diamond Jewellery,* A splendid collection of the latest London Extravas, at very moderate prices. 742

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMasters and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's VESSELS should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-signer is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 26, 1895. 1458

**GRIFFITH'S NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG**

NOW READY,

1, DUDDLE STREET.

**GRIFFITH & CO., MANUFACTURERS**

OF THE

LONDON EXTRATED WATERS,

1, DUDDLE STREET,

Continue to Supply:

SODA WATER, LEMONADE, TONIC " GINGERBREAD, SELZER " RASPBERRYADE, SABARILLA " &c. &c.

At the same Moderate Charges.

Hongkong, June 9, 1895. 957

In the Matter of the Estate of Sir HARLEY SMITH PARKES, Knight Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, late of Her Britannic Majesty's Service, Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Majesty the Emperor of China, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Persons having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of the said Sir HARLEY SMITH PARKES, who died in Peking, in the Empire of China, on the 2nd day of March, 1885, and Letters of Administration to whose Estate were granted by the SUPREME COURT of Hongkong, in its Private Jurisdiction, to the Undersigned, one of the Executors named in the Will of the Deceased, are hereby required to send in writing to the Undersigned, on or before the 31st DAY OF OCTOBER, 1895, the full Particulars of their Claims or Demands.

And Notice is hereby given that as soon as possible after the Expiration of the period above mentioned, the Undersigned will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said Sir HARLEY SMITH PARKES, Deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the Claims of which he then had Notice and that he will not be liable for the Assets of any part thereof so distributed to any Person or Persons of whom Claim or Claims had not Notice at the time of the distribution.

All Persons INDEBTED to the Estate are requested to make immediate Payment to the Undersigned.

Dated in Hongkong, the 18th day of July, 1895. W. KESWICK.

1208 To-day's Advertisements.

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL

The Co.'s Steamship

*Ocypus,*

Captain JAGO, will be

dispatched as above on

SATURDAY, the 31st Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, October 24, 1895. 1857

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL

The Steamship

*Port Phillip,*

G. DUNLAP, Com'r, will be

despatched for the above Port or on about the 1st November.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 24, 1895. 1859

### PASSENGERS.

#### ARRIVED.

Per *Allie Rose*, from Tientsin, 2 Chinese.

Per *Peking*, from Shanghai, 73 Chinese.

Per *Polyphony*, from Hiogo, 4 Japanese.

Per *Fokang*, from Shanghai, Messrs

Dale, Friend, Miss Murphy, and 50

Chinese.

Per *Salee*, from Haiphong, &c., Mr

Garnet, Mrs Merki, Messrs Merki, Derol,

Philipse, Father Mellard, Tonquin, and

17 Chinese.

Per *Mercator*, from Foochow, Mr Wood-

Joy, and 28 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

For *Glencairn*, for Shanghai, 4 Europeans.

Per *Mount Lebanon*, for Honolulu, 20

Chinese.

Per *Ningchow*, for Shanghai, 2 Euro-

peans.

Per *Kut Sia*, for Shanghai, 12 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per *Glencairn*, for Saigon, 50 Chinese.

Per *Pekoe*, for Tientsin, 7 Chinese.

Per *Vortigen*, for Bangkok, 14 Chinese.

Per *Douglas* for Coast Ports, 2 Euro-

peans, and 200 Chinese.

Per *Amano*, for Shanghai, 19 Chinese.

Per *Anton*, for Hoibon, 40 Chinese.

Per *Duburg*, for Saigon, 250 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

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Hongkong, October 24, 1895. 1856

### MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

very calmly received, and as a matter of fact the apprehension of war between Spain and Germany affected the price of Consols far more than that of Prussian Government stock. The decline in Spanish stock was, of course, more due to fears connected with internal difficulties than with the possibility of warlike complications with Germany. The bad effect of the Spanish difficulty has for the moment more than counterbalanced the favourable influence which the settlement of the Afghan Question would otherwise have exercised. We cannot help thinking, however, that this influence will yet be strong, though perhaps slowly, felt, and we have every confidence that prices in the foreign market will improve; more especially those of stocks whose intrinsic value has appreciated, such as Egyptian and Turkish bonds.—*World*.

CALIFORNIA has allowed her greatest benefactor, one Marshall, to die of want. Marshall was the first man to discover gold in the virgin soil. "I have often," says a correspondent, "seen the first nugget at his house in Coloma—an almost by an inch or so wide, and averaging the thickness of a silver dollar." It was irregular in form and slightly crooked at the end. I have often heard Marshall's partner tell the story of the find. "When the mill was done," he said, "we found that the water had broken upon the wheel, and Jim and I went down the river to see where we could dig it away. Suddenly Jim says, 'Pete, look out! I see that is gold.' He took it to the house where my wife had been boiling some lye for soap, and we put it right in the lye and boiled it all day. It came out as bright as a guinea, and we decided that it was gold. We got a pan and went into the race, where I washed out some more small lumps, while Jim lighted out for Monterey to have his find tested."

In the Biological Section of the India and British Association, on the 11th September Mr. A. Hesie read a paper on "Chinese Insect White Wax." The author stated that, although the provinces of Ssu-chuan, in Western China, where he had been stationed for the last three years, was the chief wax insect and wax-producing country in the empire, insects and wax were found in other provinces. Mr. Hesie was called upon by the Foreign Office to collect for Sir Joseph Hooker specimens connected with, and all possible information on, the subject of the industry, and the present paper was a revision, with additions, of a report already published in a Parliamentary paper in February last. He described the insect producing country, the tree on which the insects were propagated, the insects themselves, and their transit from the valley of Chien-cheng, their breeding-ground, in the west of Ssu-chuan, across the mountains to Chia-ting Fu, the habitat of the wax-tree. The tree was then described, and details were given of the treatment of the insects, their suspension on the tree, the depositing of the wax, and of a parasite on the insects. The method of removing the wax from the branches of the tree and of preparing it for market was then explained. Thereafter Mr. Hesie detailed the result of an examination of the insects after the wax had been fully deposited, and finally passed to the annual quantity of insect white wax produced, its value and uses.

The following passengers have booked for the Far East:—

Per P. and O. steamer *Lombardy*, from Brindisi, Sept. 23.—To Hongkong: Mr. Smart, Mr. Robertson.

Per P. and O. steamer *Mahua*, from London, Sept. 23.—To Yokohama: Mrs. Rynd and two children.

Per P. and O. steamer *Australia*, from London, Sept. 23.—To Yokohama: Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Watson and two children.

To Shanghai: Rev. D. and Mrs. Williamson, and two children; Mr. Morrison, and child, Mr. E. Wells. To Hongkong: Admiral Vesey Hamilton, G.B. Lieutenant, and Mrs. Hughes and son, Lieutenant A. S. K. Knappin, Mr. J. Riley, Mr. Tippell, Mr. Hayes, Commander W. W. Moore.

Per P. and O. steamer *Tajore*, from Venice, Oct. 1, from Brindisi, Oct. 5.—From Venice.—To Hongkong: Mr. E. H. Sharp. From Brindisi—To Hongkong: Mrs. Stevenson and child.

Per P. and O. steamer *Gazator*, from Venice, Oct. 8.—To Hongkong: Dr. Dalton.

Per P. and O. steamer *Sorof*, from London, Oct. 7.—To Shanghai: Dr. and Mrs. Waterstrad. To Hongkong: Mr. H. D. Hutchison.

Per P. and O. steamer *Lombardy*, from Venice, Oct. 15.—To Shanghai: Mr. G. Fischer.

Per P. and O. steamer *Mongolic*, from Brindisi, Oct. 26.—To Yokohama via Bombay and Calcutta: Mr. H. M. Hughes.

Per P. and O. steamer *Sutlej*, from London, Oct. 21.—To Yokohama: Mr. J. W. and Mrs. Edmunds, Rev. J. and Mrs. Williams. To Shanghai: Mr. H. Whistler. To Hongkong: Bishop Burton, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bateman, Rev. G. B. Coulter, Mrs. Anton, Miss Butler, Miss Johnson, Miss Stuart.

Per P. and O. steamer *Pekin*, from London, Nov. 4.—To Hioe: Mr. Macpherson. To Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs. C. Holliday, infant and nurse.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Pitho*, from Marseilles, Sept. 27.—To Shanghai: Mr. Thibault. To Hongkong: Mr. N. G. Mitchell-Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Tremaine, Mr. Allain. To Haiphong: Mr. B. St. Chaffey.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Mediterrane*, from Marseilles, Oct. 11.—To Yokohama: Mr. G. Abbott. To Hongkong: Mr. G. Mitchell-Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Tremaine, Mr. Allain. To Haiphong: Mr. B. St. Chaffey.

Per steamer *Adriatic* (Holt's Line), from Liverpool, Sept. 4.—To Shanghai: Mrs. Vale and child. To Hongkong: Mrs. Moule. Miss Jones and child.

This typical Chicago girl, who is known all over the United States as the possessor of the largest feet in America, has been cruelly libeled. A Boston paper recently declared that she habitually talked slang, and made use of such expressions as "getting left," "carried a handkerchief," and "had the best lots." A reporter at once flew upon a representative Chicago young lady, who belongs to one of the first families in the city, and asked her what she thought of the assertion. "This is a fib story," she replied, with natural indignation.

"The fellow who wrote it is way off his base. There may be some of us who sing, but I never work the slang racket myself, not this child; and now you hear my bauou! We can discount Boston on beauty; and, as for accomplishments, why, that's where we hold a full hand. Take me, for example. I can paw the theory; I can warble a few words; and I'm docile. Boston girls are just disgruntled. The fact is that they have got to humiliate to keep even with us; and that you forget it!" This interview, which has effectively settled the question. The libelous Boston paper should now apologize.

Says the *World*:—"None dimitissit," delivered in a quavering aged voice, rings through the halls of Bearwood, Berk, and John Walter, M.P., is the singer of the doleful wail. The "fragrant impudence" of the *Daily Telegraph* has come to such a pass that there is nothing left for the printer of the Times, and the inventor of the Walter machine, but to give up the life that is no longer worth living. Not only has that "penny paper" so despised, sit upon, ignored, and ridiculed, in its infancy and early years by the Printing House Square authorities—beaten its great rival in news, circulation, advertisements, income, everything, but its editor and part-proprietor, Mr. Edward Lawson, has had the indecency to buy an estate in the neighbouring county of Bucks, to entertain all the magnates of the county, and to have among his "house-party" the Duke of Buckingham, the Earl of Rosbury, and other swellies of that kind. This must be about the crowning of the Capitol for John Walter, M.P., the bitterest drop in the not over-sweet cup he has had lately to quaff.

\* \* \* \* \* *FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR*

That the public want to know what good result the Admiral expected from anchoring the *Midge* of Macao.

That the Chinese Government should now be asked by the Treaty Powers to undertake the suppression of piracy in their own waters.

That a little pirate-hunting would tend to develop the infant Chinese navy.

That failing Chinese action, the Great Powers should take the matter in hand, and make Eastern waters safe for small foreign vessels.

That England has already done quite enough of this sort of work single-handed.

That a gunboat patrol is necessary on the coast.

That such service would help to train our men, and give experience to our younger officers who now waste much time in port.

That indignation is very generally expressed throughout the Colony at the action of the Police Magistrate (Mr. Wodehouse) in releasing the Chinaman arrested by the Police without ascertaining how a parasite on the insects, the tree on which the insects were propagated, and their transit from the valley of Chien-cheng, their breeding-ground, in the west of Ssu-chuan, across the mountains to Chia-ting Fu, the habitat of the wax-tree. The tree was then described, and details were given of the treatment of the insects, their suspension on the tree, the depositing of the wax, and of a parasite on the insects.

That if a man requires one revolver to defend \$10, how many six-shooters should he carry when he has \$1000?

That every Chinaman known to be dangerous to the peace and good order of the Colony should be arrested.

That the community look to the authorities to bring the murderous pirates of the *Greyhound* to justice.

That the Attorney General continues to send back cases committed by the Magistrates for trial at the Supreme Court.

That as no one ventures to question either the action of the Grand Jury, or that of the Magistrates, the public begin to draw strong inferences therefrom, and marvel greatly.

That in a Crown Colony there are many things at which residents can do little more than marvel.

That there seems to be a rock ahead of the proposed Spirit Bill.

That Sir George does sometimes read the local papers, and that the Spirit Bill will not become law until St. Andrew's Day has passed.

That Scotchmen and their friends can thus have a glorious "farewell" to John Barleycorn.

That the Governor is said to have altered his programme, and will go to Calcutta before leaving us for good.

That cambric handkerchiefs have fallen in price.

That the Philistines are still on hand and preparing a valetudinary address to His Excellency, in which he is to be thanked for the admirable maceus in which he has carried out his promise, "Your interests shall be my interests," etc.

That a list of reasons for signing such an address should be prepared by the "official members," and then receive the sanction of the unofficials.

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## MEETING OF THE HONGKONG AND MACAO GLASS MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

The general meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong and Macao Glass Manufacturing Co., Limited, required under the Companies' Ordinance 1877, section 89, was held in the office of the General Managers (Messrs Russell & Co.), at half-past eleven this forenoon. Those present were: Messrs W. H. Forbes (Chairman), O. D. Bottomley, Consulting Committee; J. T. Chater, T. L. Rose, J. H. Cox, P. Jordan, F. H. M. Huntington, C. A. Tomes and R. Shewan (Secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice calling the meeting,

The Chairman said—This meeting is only a formal one, called in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance, which requires the Company to hold a general meeting within four months from the date of registration, the 26th of June, and there is no special business to be transacted. All the shares offered to the public have been taken up, and the factory at Lap Sac Wan is now fast approaching completion. The late Superintendent (Mr. W. H. Gritten) has been dismissed under circumstances which have lately been made public in Court, but the work on the buildings and furnaces has not at all suffered from his absence, and we hope in less than two months from now to begin working the factory. The offer of a thoroughly competent glass maker, obtained by the agents of the Company at Home, has, after full consideration of the merits of the various applicants for the post, been accepted by the General Managers. He will bring out from Home with a small staff of workmen, and we expect to have advice of his departure as soon as those men have been engaged. I think that is all I have to say at this meeting. If any gentleman has any questions to ask, I shall be glad to answer them.

No questions being asked, the Chairman thanked the shareholders for their attendance, and the meeting dissolved.

## CRICKET.

HONGKONG C. C. & T. THE OFFICERS OF THE GARRISON.

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Thus leaving the Officers 76 to the bad. The Officers were rather more fortunate in their second innings, and almost succeeded in doubling their first score, Lieut. Daughlas (36) and Capt. Gordon (28) being the highest individual scorers.

That if a man requires one revolver to defend \$10, how many six-shooters should he carry when he has \$1000?

That every Chinaman known to be dangerous to the peace and good order of the Colony should be arrested.

That the community look to the authorities to bring the murderous pirates of the *Greyhound* to justice.

That the Attorney General continues to send back cases committed by the Magistrates for trial at the Supreme Court.

That as no one ventures to question either the action of the Grand Jury, or that of the Magistrates, the public begin to draw strong inferences therefrom, and marvel greatly.

That in a Crown Colony there are many things at which residents can do little more than marvel.

That there seems to be a rock ahead of the proposed Spirit Bill.

That Sir George does sometimes read the local papers, and that the Spirit Bill will not become law until St. Andrew's Day has passed.

That Scotchmen and their friends can thus have a glorious "farewell" to John Barleycorn.

That the Governor is said to have altered his programme, and will go to Calcutta before leaving us for good.

That cambric handkerchiefs have fallen in price.

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## THE IMPERIAL DECREES PROVIDING FOR NAVAL ORGANISATION OF THE EMPIRE.

The 7th Prince, Chief Imperial High Commissioner; Batch Prince Ching, Joint Imperial High Commissioner (Chief of the Manchu); General Sheng-ching (A. M. a t a u r Manchu); Marquis Tseng, Commissioner.

The Viceroy Li has already some offices ready for use, and will adopt it and extend it for further service. The steps taken are of great importance.

Yesterday a decree was issued by the Empress appointing the 7th Prince and the Viceroy Li Imperial High Commissioners for directing the navy of Imperial China. The head office will probably be in Tientsin. All the naval forces of China will be at once put under the control of the Imperial Commissioners. The naval forces will be formed into divisions, and the discipline, armament, pay, organization, will be uniform throughout. Naval schools will be founded abroad and at home. A yearly levy of men—all volunteers—will be raised, and the proportionate quota of cadets will be received and trained. Technical colleges will be founded at selected places, and special classes will be formed for learning the uses of torpedo boats, torpedoes, marine mines, gunnery, &c. &c.

As soon as details can be arranged a like step will be taken for army organization, but the military question is surrounded by very great difficulties, and some time may be required before a scheme will be devised that will not greatly offend the provincial officials.

SIR DOUGLAS FORTS BY TO BE THE NEW BRITISH MINISTER.

We now hear that Sir Douglas Forsyth, member of the Indian Council, and an Indian official of great reputation, has been offered the post of H. M. Minister to Peking. The selection is a wise and happy one. Between England and China there is one question full of dangerous issues to both, and both Empires have an equal interest in desiring that by union all danger may be thwarted or dispelled. The dangerous master in the Central Asian question, and the action of Russia, England and India must be kept in close touch with each other, and the British Government has no right to impose their own laws on a foreign vessel entering one of their own ports. We have already commented on the ridiculousness of this argument, and tried to show our contemporary the falsehood of the position he has assumed, but it may interest our readers to know how he supports his argument, and we therefore give the latter portion of his article:

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## SWORN FOES:

**AN AUSTRALIAN EPISODE.**  
They were mortal enemies, and they met on Life-and-Death Ridge.

It was not once in twenty years that two travellers met there. Even the oldest settlers seldom cared to take the short cut across the mountain pass, which the other way was about twelve miles round.

The first man who crossed that narrow ridge—was with the Caristen cliff rising straight as a wall four hundred feet above his head, and the Niammaya river foaming below, so far down that he could not see it, though he could have dropped a pebble into it by stretching out his hand—called it Life-and-Death Ridge, and the name had stuck.

They had hated each other for years—**M'Arthur** and **Douglas**. It began with some dispute about the boundary between their runs; hard words had been said on both sides, and followed by aggressions which each justified as retaliations. Each did what he could to injure the other, growing more persistent for very shame, and keeping up his hate as an excuse to himself for acts he must otherwise have acknowledged to be unjust and wrong. They seldom met, never went apart, excepted for each of them thought—or affected to think that his life was in danger from the other; indeed, it was said that once, when **M'Arthur** and one of his stockmen had followed a stray bullock on to Douglas's land, hard words were exchanged, though no one was hurt.

And to-day, in the sultry summer afternoon, with the sky one mass of steady blue, and the clouds beginning to creep up the horizon, they met on Life-and-Death Ridge.

They were silent fellows, both of them, and in the prime of their manhood—**M'Arthur**, a Sydney cornetist, six feet three in stockings, dark and slim, and wiry; **Douglas**, half-a-head shorter, broader in the shoulders, with a merry blue eye, and golden hair and beard. **M'Arthur** was the older of the two by a few years, but neither was more than thirty-five.

**M'Arthur** had been away for some weeks at Brisbane, and was returning home. As the last day of his journey wore on he felt certain that it would not end without a storm, and when he came to the place where the tracks divided the weather looked so threatening that he determined to take the short cut. He and his horse well knew it; they had been over before. The bay was sure-footed as a goat, and the chance of meeting any man was so small that he never gave it a thought.

They used to say, down at the Murrumack Station in '57, that **Angus M'Arthur** feared neither man nor devil.

And so he rode gallantly up the pass, till, turning a corner, just where you get to the narrowest of the ridges, saw a horseman on horseback before him.

The stockman stared at him stupidly, and then, as the new light dawned on him, repeated slowly—

"You saw him—where?"

"On Life-and-Death Ridge—just before the storm."

The stockman stared again, and then went to call two other men—the only ones on the station besides himself—a couple of Chinamen. They looked surprised, and somewhat embarrassed, on seeing him. They knew of the relations between the two, and thought this visit must portend something unusual.

He told them his story as shortly as he could, adding that he believed **M'Arthur** had reached the other side of the pass, and that he had himself watched him across the most dangerous part.

The men looked at each other. He thought they were suspicious of him, but they said nothing to show it.

"He was out in that storm?" muttered one.

"He might have lost his way," said another. "There's a nasty bit of scrub when you get down the hill. You can see your way out of it on horseback, but not on foot."

"Look!" said the grey-headed Scotch shepherd—who had not spoken before—"what was it you black boy said about Gundar Joe?"

"The bushranger?" asked **Douglas**.

"Ay, him. Dinha ya mind it, George?"

"He said he'd seen him over in the bush beyond Blue-Grass Swamp. He had five men with him—at least so the nigger said, but you never know what they mean by their numbers—they can't count 'em."

Again the men looked at each other—this time more gravely than before.

"You didn't ken, maybe," said Sandy to **Douglas**, in a low voice, "that Joe's sworn to have **M'Arthur** yet; and he says, when he gets him, he'll make him dyin' easy for him—their words."

**Douglas** felt himself turn sick again; but he shook all his faculties together and said—*"We'd best lose no time. If we could ride to this side of the pass, and track him—"*

"We've got no dogs that are any use," said one. "They're over with Dick Baines in Aenica Gully."

"I'll take mine," said **Douglas**. "I've bloodhounds at the house. Which of you are coming? Get your guns and come with me at once; it will save time, and I think we shall find at least four there."

In a short time Sandy and George, armed to the teeth, were ready to ride off with him. They reached Gundar Joe in silence, and then there was hurried explanation, mounting, and straining, and soon the whole troupe, seven in number, were on their way to Life-and-Death Ridge, leaving the rest of the station to shake their heads and wonder at their bewilderment at seeing **M'Arthur** dash out in frantic haste to the west.

Some of the **Seigel's Curative Syrup**, made especially for the cure of Dyspepsia, was obtained and administered to the patient, and the result was marvellous. To-day their daughter lives in the enjoyment of good health. The fact was, the patient had been treated for the wrong complaint, and when she was treated for Dyspepsia (her real trouble), all the alarming symptoms of consumption vanished. This is not an isolated case. The country is full of suffering thousands that are being treated for Liver Complaint, Kidney Disease, Lung Diseases, &c., &c., when the fact is they are afflicted with Indigestion in some of its varied forms, and all of such sufferers would obtain relief if they were properly treated for Dyspepsia.

This has got to end one way or the other. No answer.

"I suppose you don't expect me to push my bones over the ledge, do you?"

Both men's eyes flashed. "Do you want to throw me into the air?"

**M'Arthur** broke out with a oath. "I'll have to do something," and, drawing his revolver from his belt, slowly and deliberately took aim. But **Douglas** had let his right hand fall at his side, while his left held the bridle, and looked him steadily in the face without moving a muscle. **M'Arthur** twice studded his hand to fire, but the man's features and eyes seemed to paralyse his arm.

"Confound it, he almost screamed, as he lowered the weapon. "I'm giving you a fair chance—why don't you take it?"

"I don't want to shoot you," said **Douglas**.

"Afraid? He tried to sneer, but only half succeeded.

"No. Let's there another way!"

**M'Arthur** was looking at the black mare, and did not answer. Her distress was becoming greater and greater, but she stood still, patient and loyal, only lifting sad, entreating eyes to **Douglas** as he caressed her glossy neck. There was one thing **Angus M'Arthur** said he never could stand, that look in a horse's eyes.

He slipped to the ground over his horse's tail, patted the bay just once, pulled him round by the bridle with his fore-feet over the pommel, shut his eyes, and pushed him over. He shuddered, and turned white as death when he heard the cattle's shriek. Then calling to **Douglas**, "Keep her still," he threw himself on the ground, and crept like a snake between the mare's legs, till he had safely passed her, and strode on down the pass. He heard **Douglas'** voice calling his name;

"The dogs were too pointed in that direction. They followed it."

It was farther than they thought at first. The sun set—it grew darker and darker—still they pushed on. It seemed to **Douglas** that he could hear voices and laughter through the trees. At last the sounds were unmistakable, and not far off. He turned round and spoke to the rest in a whisper.

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